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SUBJECT: REMARKS BY SAO TOME MINISTER CARLOS GRACA

1. NOVEMBER 15 DIARIO DE NOTICIAS REPORTED PRESS CONFERENCE
HELD BY SAO TOME MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, DR.
CARLOS GRACA. MAIN POINTS REPORTEDLY MADE BY GRACA:

A. GOVERNMENT OF SAO TOME (GOST) UNCONDITIONALLY
SUPPORT MPLA IN ANGOLA. SAO TOME AIRPORT IS AT
COMPLETE DISPOSAL OF MPLA.

B. GOVERNMENT IS CARRYING OUT AGRARIAN REFORM.
IT IS NATIONALIZING WITHOUT COMPENSATION ALL BIG
AGRICULTURAL FIRMS, MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE PORTUGUESE
OWNED. BIG ESTATES WHICH ALREADY BELONG TO STATE
(SUCH AS AGUA E ZE, SANTA MARGARIDA, RIO DE OURO
AND MOTE CAFE) ARE BEING RUN EXACTLY LIKE
"SOVIET SOVKHOZES". THEY ARE DIRECTED BY A TECHNICIAN,
A MEMBER OF M.L.S.T.P., AND A WORKER REPRESENTATIVE.

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C. "NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS", CREATED AT

INITIATIVE OF WORKERS", HAS ALREADY FEATURED
"VOLUNTARY LABOR" IN THE FIELDS BY STUDENTS AND CIVIL
SERVANTS.

D. ALTHOUGH SAO TOME GRATEFULLY REMEMBERS HELP GIVEN
BY GABON, IT IS TURNING TOWARD SOCIALIST COLLECTIVIZA-
TION IN CONTRAST TO GABON'S "LIBERAL-CAPITALIST"
ECONOMY.

E. GRACA CONDEMNED FORMER LABOR AND JUSTICE MINISTER,
GASTAO TORRES, AS "PSYCOPTH" WHO CAUSED "EXTRAORDINA-
RILY BLOODY VIOLENCE.
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